

Appl. No. 10/035,868
Amendment dated March 24, 2006
Reply to Office action of January 12, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for a thorough review of the subject application.

Claims 1 through 38 were pending in this application, but claims 8, 18 through 24, 28 through 30, 34, and 37 through 38 were withdrawn as being drawn to a nonelected species; however, the Examiner is thanked for reminding the Applicant that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant is entitled to consideration of claims to species which are written in dependent form.

The present Amendment amends the Specification per the request of the Examiner and also to correct a few typographical issues, and it also amends independent claims 1 and 14. Dependent claims 2 through 4, 10, and 15 through 17 are also amended for consistency with the amendments to the independent claims. The rejection and amendments to the claims are addressed below. New dependent claims 39 through 44 are also added. Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Specification

The Examiner objects to the specification on page 22, line 19 because of an incomplete sentence. The paragraph including the incomplete sentence is amended to delete that incomplete sentence.

The following typographical matters are also made in the Specification:

Paragraph page(s) and lines	Change made
Page 1, lines 2-3	"filed" replaced with "field"
Pages 12-13	"90" replaced with 122, so as to be consistent with Figure 5A and the designation when block 88 is answered YES
Pages 13-14	Sentence grammatically corrected, consistent with block 116 in Figure 5B
Page 14, lines 10-18	"reflect" replaced with "reflected"
Page 22, lines 18-19	Per the Examiner's suggestion, incomplete sentence removed

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 25 through 27 and 31 through 36 are allowed.

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Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103

Claims 1 through 7, 9 through 14, 16, and 17 are rejected 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chretien (6,864,473). However, in the present amendment, the two independent claims in these rejected claims, namely independent claims 1 and 14, are both amended to recite, respectively, a second SLM (claim 1) or a second DMD (claim 14), with spatial positioning relative to the first SLM or DVD, and resulting reflection of the light from those devices. Antecedent support for these amendments may be found, by ways of example, starting with Figure 15 and the description thereof which begins on page 19 of the Specification. Moreover, the resultant benefits are demonstrated in connection with Figures 18 and 19. For example, as stated in the Specification, page 21, lines 1-10, the devices of these claims provide "increased masking resolution without significantly degrading the quality of the image recorded." As a result, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 14 are not anticipated by Chretien, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of these claims as well as their dependent claims (including withdrawn dependent claim 8 as it depends from a generic claim 1). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Chretien in view of Hewlett. However, claim 15 depends from claim 14, which includes the amendments discussed above. Hewlett also does not show these amendments and, thus, again it is respectfully submitted that claim 15 is in condition for allowance.

New Claims

New claims 39 through 41 are added to depend from independent claim 1 and new claims 42 through 44 are added to depend from claim 14. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are in condition for allowance at least for the reason that they depend from independent claims that are shown above to be in condition for allowance. In addition, the recitations of these claims are not shown in the cited references.

Fees

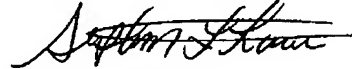
The Commissioner is hereby requested to charge the fees for the additional six dependent claims, per the fee sheet submitted herewith, to Deposit Account 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated. The Commissioner is also hereby requested and authorized to charge any other fees necessary to effect the present filing to the same Deposit Account 20-0668.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowability be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



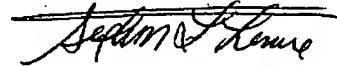
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